

<p style="text-align: center;">Full Council Meeting November 3, 2005, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. November 4, 2005, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Location: Red Lion Downtowner Hotel Boise, Idaho</p>	
Call to Order	Rick Betzer called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. on November 3, 2005.
Roll Call	<p><u>Council members present:</u> Debbie DePaola, Kim Kane, Jim Baugh, Mike Smith, James Steed, Kristyn Herbert, Bob Jackson, Dona Butler, Rick Betzer, Liz Ricciardi, Julie Fodor, David Rogers, Mary Johnson, Paige Fincher, and Tanya Brindle. Tygh Hales joined the meeting at 1:30 p.m.</p> <p><u>Members absent:</u> Theresa Wilding, Donna Denney, Mary Bostick, and Roger Shanahan</p> <p><u>Staff members present:</u> Marilyn Sword, Tracy Warren, Ron Enright, Christine Pisani, Pam Stanley and Judy Wauer.</p> <p><u>Visitors/Facilitators:</u> Bobby Ball, Executive Director of the Idaho ADA Task Force.</p>
Welcome, Announcements, Review Agenda	<p>Announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legislative training will be held on Saturday, November 12. If anyone is interested in attending, see Marilyn for details. - Irene Jones sent a nice thank you note and a letter about their Disability Mentoring Day in Idaho Falls. They also presented the Council with a certificate of appreciation. - A request was received from the State Independent Living Council regarding an assistive technology task force. They would like a representative from the Council to sit on the task force. The first meeting is Friday, November 18. If any Council members are interested let Marilyn know. - Recognized Bobby Ball is visiting. She is the executive director of the Idaho ADA Task Force.
Approval of July 28 – 29, 2005 Minutes	The minutes of the July 28 - 29, 2005, Council meeting were approved as presented.
Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair's Report • Director's Report 	<p><u>Chair's Report</u> – Theresa Wilding was absent so there was no report from the Chair.</p> <p><u>Director's Report</u> – Marilyn distributed copies of her report. Most of the items will be discussed during the</p>

	<p>meeting. Staff has been working on preparing for this meeting, the next legislative session, the 5-year plan, and self-determination. She attended the Alliance for Full Participation Summit in Washington DC. There was a good delegation from Idaho. Participants will report later in this meeting. The newsletter that was completed in October included our survey. Please complete a survey if you haven't done so yet. Kim Kane and Marilyn went to Washington state to observe how their council works with the policy governance model. Partners graduation is Saturday morning from 9:00 am to 12:00 p.m. at the Doubletree Riverside Hotel. We still have not received the 2006 federal appropriation. Congress is working on a continuing resolution. The budget was built on the previous year's appropriation. She has heard that there may be cuts as much as 2% - 4% which is a substantial amount for a small budget like Idaho's. Marilyn will keep the Council updated.</p>
<p>Consent Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Executive Committee Report ▪ Consumer Leadership Report 	<p><u>Executive Committee Report</u> – The Executive Committee met this morning. They heard the report from the Director and Pam Stanley presented the financial reports. They discussed a request from the Consortium for Idahoans with Disabilities (CID) for voluntary dues. Marilyn has included \$500 in this year's budget for CID. They received a conference funding report from Leona King. The Council will be electing an a new Executive Committee member tomorrow to fill John Grover's vacated position.</p> <p>Pam presented the financial report. Bob Jackson moved to accept the financial report as presented. Liz Ricciardi seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion carried.</p> <p><u>Consumer Leadership Report</u> – Kristyn reported that the committee met yesterday. Marilyn Sword reviewed the packets with members and discussed public policy issues. The Council will celebrate 30 years since the passing of the first Developmental Disabilities (DD) Act at dinner on Thursday night. Marilyn and Judy Wauer demonstrated a new software program called TextAloud that converts text to an audio disk. Judy will check into making this software available to self-advocates on the council. The Committee discussed the Self-Advocates</p>

	<p>Becoming Empowered (SABE) conference. \$6,500 has been budgeted for SABE, which includes funding for Theresa to attend the SABE board meetings. James will draft an application form for self-advocates to apply for funding to help them attend this conference. A conference call will probably be held in February.</p> <p>Debbie DePaola moved to accept the reports. Mary Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion carried.</p>
Recommendations Regarding Policy Governance	<p>Kim Kane reported that she and Marilyn attended the Washington council meeting in September and the policy governance team met via conference call. In general, most well functioning organizations that have a governing body have a pretty clear definition between the governing body and management. The council would be responsible for governance and their responsibilities would relate to who we are and what we want to accomplish. The management portion would be the council staff and they would be responsible to determine how it will happen. The council sets the goals/outcomes and Council staff determines how to achieve those outcomes. In that structure the Council determines the “what” and staff determines the “how”. All council members speak with an equal voice. They don’t have a separate Executive Committee that makes most of the decisions. They have three work groups and three committees. The Committees include Public Policy, Governance and Membership. Their meeting set up is different. The first day is a half day for committees and a half day for the work groups. The second day is the full council. This appears to be very effective and a very efficient way to operate. Every Council member serves on one work group and one committee. Everyone has equal involvement. Another change would be the executive director’s evaluation. The director basically works under a do and don’t policy. Broad parameters are set up for the director to follow. They still operate under a group of policies for operation. Kim is currently reviewing the existing policies and by-laws of the Council. The five year planning process is a good way to begin this. The transition team is recommending that the Council slowly</p>

	<p>move forward with this in a step by step seamless process starting with the five-year plan, and adopt the pieces of the model that will work for our council.</p> <p>Mike Smith moved to accept the recommendation from the Policy Governance committee. Paige Fincher seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion carried</p>
Report from Public Policy Committee	<p>Bob Jackson reported that the public policy committee met on October 13th. The following items were discussed:</p> <p><u>Self-Determination Rules</u> – The temporary rules were reviewed and eligibility determination and parents being responsible for funds was discussed. The rules do not define how the budget is set. A public hearing is scheduled for January 11, 2006, at the Westgate office. Written comments can be submitted until January 21.</p> <p><u>Medicaid Reform</u> – Department of Health & Welfare (DHW) is proposing changes to restructure Idaho's Medicaid program into 3 parts. They are waiting for approval. The Committee will continue to watch what happens on this issue.</p> <p><u>Medicaid Buy-in</u> – This item was killed in committee last year. Kelly Buckland was asked to bring this back again this year. The Council will continue to support the bill.</p> <p><u>Medicare Part D</u> – This is a prescription drug program for individuals on Medicare. This will affect people who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid. There were concerns about the limited number of providers in some areas of the state. Some plans may be better for some people than others based on what medications they currently take. Some drugs are not approved at all by the Medicare plans. When it's not covered by Medicare then Medicaid can pay for it for those who are on both Medicare and Medicaid. No action is required.</p> <p><u>Sovereign Immunity</u> – Kelly sent a letter to the Attorney General (AG) to see if his office will oppose or support waiving the state's sovereign immunity. If he will support the bill, then they'll go forward with it. He is currently waiting for a response from the AG's office. No action is required at this time.</p> <p><u>Children's Special Health Program</u> – A meeting was held on October 25. Tracy reported that there was</p>

	<p>discussion that under the governor's plan, this population could be included in some form of a Medicaid waiver within the next 2 years. There may be some discussion in the legislature regarding funds for children with no coverage. The Council will need to make a decision at that time if they want to speak in support of that.</p> <p><u>High School Redesign and Graduation Requirements</u> – Staff continues to monitor and provide information. It looks like the Board of Education is pulling back on some of the recommended changes. Tracy will keep the Council informed.</p> <p><u>Mental Health Insurance Parity</u> – The Public Policy Committee recommends the council support mental health insurance parity of coverage for state employees. There is still a lot of discussion on what will be covered.</p>
Lunch – Continue with Public Policy discussion	<p>David Rogers stated that he would like to make a couple of comments regarding a couple of earlier discussions. Medicaid would like to publish the self-determination rules as temporary. This would allow them to implement self-determination but would force the department to come back with permanent rules that have been fine-tuned in 2007. He reviewed the proposed temporary rules. David also reported that Governor Kempthorne met with Secretary Leavitt to discuss the plan for Medicaid reform in Idaho. It was a very good discussion and was very positive. They are hoping to get a complete package submitted by December 15th.</p> <p><u>Students Disrupting the Educational Process</u> – Staff continues to work on this issue and the Council will continue to oppose the legislation being proposed by Representative Smylie.</p> <p><u>Action Items:</u> Bob Jackson read the Public Policy recommendations to the Council:</p> <p>Recommendation: The Council support a mental health insurance parity legislation for state employees.</p> <p>Recommendation: The Council oppose the proposed rules for Idaho graduation requirements, provide a list of reasons as discussed in the meeting and encourage the Board of Education to work with the Department of Education on the wording to accommodate children with disabilities.</p>

Recommendation: The Council favor expanding the eligibility of the Katie Beckett waiver for children with emotional disturbances who need long term care and oppose the requirement of cost sharing for those services.

Jim Baugh moved that the Council accept the recommendations of the Public Policy Committee regarding mental health parity legislation, Idaho graduation requirements and expanding the Katie Beckett waiver. Kim Kane seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion carried.

Assistive Technology Loan Bill – The Public Policy committee is recommending that the Council support the Assistive Technology programs request to the legislature for \$100,000 in additional funds to apply for federal loans for this program.

Mike Smith moved that the Council accept the recommendation of the Public Policy Committee. James Steed seconded the motion. Julie Fodor abstained. The majority of the vote being in favor, the motion carried.

Julie Fodor clarified that the Assistive Technology project is seeking a \$100,000 match in order to apply for federal loans.

Fishing License Legislation: Bob Jackson stated that the council was approached regarding legislation for fishing licenses for facilities.

Recommendation: The Council take no position on the bill but oppose any legislation to change the terminology from “institution” to “long term facility,” support changing “inmate” to “resident” and generally oppose licensing facilities instead of individuals.

Kristyn Herbert moved to accept the recommendation. James Steed seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion carried.

Update on DD Act Reauthorization	<p>Marilyn reported on the recommended changes to the DD Act being made by our national association. The changes will basically increase clarity in the law, the language is more user friendly, expands the mission statement, and clarifies the role of councils. The recommendations also address how to measure systems change, changes to the annual report by focusing on achievements and strategies, impediments to achieving goals and how funds were spent. The appropriations request is increased to \$85 million and the “hold harmless” phrase would be returned to the law. A new plan will be required every 7 years instead of every 5 years. Direct funding of self advocacy organizations would be removed from the council section and would be put in its own section of law. The requirement to annually review the designated state agency would be removed. A draft should be ready by early spring.</p>
Report on Self-Determination Activities - Waiver Application - Waiver Construction - Public Awareness - Support Broker Training - Self-Advocate Training	<p><u>Self-Determination</u> – Tracy Warren reported that the Self-Determination waiver is now being referred to as My Voice My Choice Self-Directed Community Supports and they would like everyone to start calling it by the same name. It is a program option and not a waiver. People should be able to start choosing this option in early 2006. Copies of the information that Medicaid may be putting out was distributed. There was concern as to why “guardian” is under the self-advocate in the person-centered planning circle on the flow chart. It was requested that Medicaid be asked to removed it. Staff continues to participate in the CMS grant monitoring calls.</p> <p><u>Self-Advocate Leadership Network Training (SALN)</u> – Christine Pisani is currently recruiting team members for Regions 3 and 4 for SALN training. She has selected two replacement members for the Region 1 team. Training will start in December and run through June. A member is still needed for Region 2</p> <p><u>Support Broker Training</u> – Julie Fodor stated that her staff has been working with Medicaid over the past year on the Support Broker Training. She has seen a huge shift in Medicaid’s understanding of the concept of self-determination. There has been a complete turnaround</p>

	in the response from Medicaid in providing materials, comments, and a big improvement in the relationship since September. The training package is done, it is very large and can be fine tuned. There is a lot of reading. By this time next year it will probably be a different training package.
Highlights of 2005 Council Outcomes	Marilyn presented a powerpoint presentation of the Council's 2005 goals and outcomes.
Presentation of 2006 Workplan and Budget	Marilyn reviewed the draft of the proposed 2006 Work Plan with the Council. James Steed moved that the Council support the proposed work plan for 2006. Bob Jackson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion carried.
Recess	The Council meeting recessed at 4:30 p.m.
Reconvene for Council Dinner - Council Member Reports - Open Forum - Activity	The Council reconvened their meeting at Elmer's Restaurant at 6:05 p.m. Council members who attended the Alliance for Full Participation (AFP) conference gave brief reports. A team building activity was lead by James Steed. The meeting recessed at 8:00 p.m.
Reconvene and call to order.	The Council meeting reconvened at 8:39 a.m. on Friday, November 4, 2005.
Roll Call	<u>Council members present:</u> : Debbie DePaola, Kim Kane, Jim Baugh, Tygh Hales, Mike Smith, James Steed, Paige Fincher, Kristyn Herbert, Bob Jackson, Dona Butler, Rick Betzer, Liz Ricciardi, Julie Fodor, David Rogers, Mary Johnson, and Tanya Brindle. <u>Members absent:</u> Theresa Wilding, Donna Denney, Mary Bostick, and Roger Shanahan. <u>Staff members present:</u> Marilyn Sword, Tracy Warren, Ron Enright, Christine Pisani, Pam Stanley and Judy Wauer. <u>Visitors/Facilitators:</u>
Election of Executive Committee Member	Elections were held to elect a member to the Executive Committee to fill John Grover's vacated position. Debbie DePaola was elected. Marilyn reminded Council members to let her know if anyone was interested in participating on the Assisitive Technology Task Force. That individual would be expected to provide reports/updates to the council.
State of the State Service System	Ron Enright presented a powerpoint presentation on the state of the State.

Overview of Process and Timeline for Building 5-Year Plan	Ron Enright distributed a timeline for gathering information for the Council's 5-year plan. Survey responses have been slow coming in. He encouraged all Council members to complete the survey and asked that they also encourage people in their communities to complete a survey
Provide Input into 5-Year Plan for the Center on Disabilities & Human Development (CDHD)	Lisa Marshall from the University Center on Disabilities and Human Development (CDHD) talked to the Council about their 5-year plan. Council members shared with her their recommendations on activities the CDHD should focus on during the next five years.
Next Meeting/Future Agenda Items	<p><u>Items for the Agenda for the next Council meeting –</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop outcomes and performance charts for 5-year plan ▪ Legislative issues ▪ Policy Governance ▪ Council Dinner – Co-Ad is having a Monopoly night fund raiser the same night as our Council dinner. It costs \$25 per person or \$150 per table (6 per table). Council members may want to consider participating. ▪ Kim suggested she give a presentation regarding abuse and violence if there is time on the agenda. <p>Marilyn asked Council members to forward any other suggestions to her.</p> <p>The next Council meeting will be held February 2 – 3, 2006, at the Owyhee Plaza Hotel.</p>
Open Forum	<p>Kim Kane reported that she and Lia Haile did an abuse prevention training at the CPI conference and Lia did a 3-hour presentation at Idaho State School and Hospital yesterday. Both presentations went very well.</p> <p>David Rogers gave an update on Medicaid reform – the Governor's office will be coming out with a report in about 10 days.</p>
Adjournment	There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am